

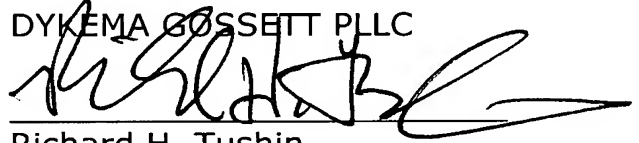
**REMARKS**

By this Supplemental Amendment the specification has been amended to include topic headings, claims 1-24 have been further amended to remove reference numerals, and claims 16-24 have been corrected to refer to the claimed sports equipment item of claim 15.

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